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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 11 and 13 have been amended and claims 12, 14 and 18-20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 11, 13 and 15-17 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claim 14, but stated such claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has amended claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14, and intervening claim 12. Accordingly, claim 11 is now allowable. Whereas claims 13 and 15-17 are dependent from claim 11, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 11, 13 and 15-17

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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